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John F. Barna, Jr.
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Barna:

I am pleased to submit the California Department of Transportation's (Department) Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) project nominations.

As part of the overall bond package approved by the voters in the November elections, the CMIA provides \$4.5 billion for transportation projects that will reduce congestion, improve travel times in those state highway corridors with the highest daily vehicle hours of delay, and improve connectivity in all major regions of the state.

The Department's CMIA project nomination package includes 67 major improvement projects totaling approximately \$6.4 billion, for 30 state highway corridors. To ensure local and regional agencies input in the development of the nomination packages, the Department conducted numerous meetings and strategy sessions with district personnel, local agency experts, and the California Transportation Commission (Commission) staff to determine the characteristics and types of projects that best meet the goals and objectives of the CMIA program.

These nominations mark a corridor management commitment, in conjunction with our partners, in all urban corridors seeking investment, thereby, providing regular tracking of corridor performance to help evaluate investment effectiveness and further leveraging those investments by creating a management partnership to sustain mobility and keep the corridors productive. In addition, the Department's Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) identifies those corridors needing to be completed to meet a uniform standard (freeway or expressway) critical to the improvement of connectivity and the support of economic growth. Of the 67 submitted projects, eleven projects (totaling over \$830 million) begin addressing connectivity issues in some of the corridors identified in the ITSP.

Furthermore, the Department is proposing Transportation Management System (TMS) projects (ramp metering and detection) on the state highway system totaling \$250 million (\$150 million in CMIA funding and \$100 million from State Highway Operation Protection Plan augmentation funds). These projects, in coordination with off-system TMS projects funded by the

\$250 million in bond funds designated for local arterial management, will work together to support corridor management. The TMS proposal is presented as one of the 67 nomination packages and explains the Department's approach and includes a summary listing of the proposed TMS corridors. Detailed project nomination sheets (showing component costs, funding plans, and schedules) will be submitted to the Commission for approval as they are developed.

The Department's submittal is presented in the following order of materials:

- Overall Discussion of the Nomination Package
- CMIA Regional Project Location Maps
- CMIA Summary Project Spreadsheet
- Nomination Packages (each contains)
 - Nomination Sheet
 - Fact and Funding Sheet
 - Narrative
 - Benefit/Cost Input Sheet
 - Summary List of Supporting Documents
 - Co-nomination/support letters
- Supporting Project Materials
- Corridor Management Plans

Questions, clarifications, and requests for additional materials regarding this submittal should be directed to Ross A. Chittenden, Chief, Division of Transportation Programming at (916) 654-4013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Kempton", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

WILL KEMPTON
Director

Attachments

c: Barry R. Sedlik, Acting Secretary
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Jim Bourgart, Deputy Secretary for Transportation and Infrastructure
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